

NEGRO AMERICAN LEAGUE

AND

NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York, N. Y.

June 19, 1946

MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING

The annual joint meeting of the Negro National League and the Negro American League was held at the Hotel Theresa, in New York City on Wednesday afternoon, June 19, 1946 at 3:30 P. M.

Present

Negro American League:

Chicago, W. S. Martin and Dr. J. B. Martin
Cleveland, Ernie Wright and Wilbur Hayes
Memphis, B. B. Martin
Birmingham, Thomas Hayes
Kansas City, Tom Baird
Indianapolis, Syd Pollack

Negro National League:

N. Y. Black Yankees, James Semler, W. A. Leuschner
N. Y. Cubans, Alex Pompey
Newark, Abraham and Effa Manley
Phila Stars, Edward Bolden, Edward Gottlieb
Baltimore, Thomas T. Wilson
Homestead, S. H. Posey
Curtis A. Leak, Secretary, and art Carter, Public Relations.

The meeting commenced at 3:30 P. M. with Thomas T. Wilson presiding and Dr. J. B. Martin as co-chairman.

Date of Game

The annual East West Game for 1946 is to be held in Chicago on Sunday August 18.

Permission for game in East

The Negro American League agreed to play a second East-West Game in some eastern city as soon as practicable after the game in Chicago. The game is to be called "All Star Game". Permission was granted to the NNL to select the date and city to play the game. It was ascertained that no parks were available after August 18 and Dr. Martin is to notify the NNL to have the game August 15th in

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Programs at East West Game

A letter of protest from the Pres Photo Service in Chicago, which had been sent to Mrs Effa Manley, regarding Dr. J. B. Martin changing the concessionaire of the souvenir programs to another, was read.

Dr. J. B. Martin Admitted that its contents were mostly true and agreed to assume all responsibility for any legal action that might be taken against either league or individual club.

Mrs Effa Manley vigorously protested Dr. J. B. Martin having the exclusive rights to the profits from the souvenir programs and it was finally decided that he had the right to put out a program if he saw fit to do so at his own park.

Radio and Television Rights

It was unanimously agreed upon that if at anytime there was any broadcasting or television of the East West Game or All Star Game the money derived therefrom would be pooled with all other monies and divided in the manner already prescribed.

Pittsburgh Courier

Numerous complaints were made concerning the lack of attention that the Pittsburgh Courier was giving both leagues and especially the NHL. Art Carter was instructed to investigate why. However, the order was rescinded after Mr. W. G. Nunn, of the paper in question, said that he would handle the matter and see that the leagues, particularly the NHL was given more publicity. He admitted, also, that the complaint was justified.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 P. M.

Curtis A. Leak, Secretary